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# REVIEW

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# ENGLISH NATION.

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I Hope, before this Paper comes to the Press, I may wish *England* Joy of the Union, so far at least as it must lie at her Door, if it be not concluded; *Scotland* having debated, concerted and settled so much of her Part, as I believe, (asking Pardon for being so positive) is a sufficient Ground of a Conjunction.

Hitherto most of the Steps, I have taken in this Affair, have pointed *Northward*, and tho' unsent, unemploy'd, and then any one will grant, not only unrewarded, but unsupported; I have to the best of my Power explain'd Difficulties, remov'd Prejudices, detected Forgeries, answer'd Scruples, and as far as in me lay, acted to the great End, the general Peace of *Britain*.

I have publish'd six several Essays in *Scotland* for the removing National Prejudices;

wherein, tho' I have incurr'd the Displeasure of a Party there, yet I have had the Honour to convince their Judgments; when I could not obtain their Favour.——As to me, the Success is my Reward, and I am satisfied.

I must own, the Opposition in *Scotland* has been great, and a Cloud of remarkable Conjunctions has all along attended this Affair; I cannot deny, the Follies of our Friends have contributed to the Difficulty as much, and perhaps more than the Rage of our Enemies; and the Prudence, Moderation and steady Conduct of his Grace the Duke of *Queensberry*, her Majesty's High Commissioner there, has been the only Support of those honest few, that stood firm for the Interest of their Country; and this I must confess, has been the more remarkable,

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in that his Grace has carried it on thro' the midst of all the unsufferable Insolencies of an enrag'd *High Flying* and *Jacobite* Party.

But I shall take more Room, than these Papers will allow, to do his Grace Justice in that Account, being preparing for the Publick a compleat History of the whole Affair of this Union; extracted from all the Originals, which I have had the Honour of being permitted to have Access to on all Occasions, and from my own Journals of Fact, which I have exactly kept from the Beginning of the Treaty in both Kingdoms, having been upon the Spot every Minute of the Transaction.

And this I now, not so much to prepare the World for the Book, as to excuse my not being larger here in the Particulars of the Behaviour of all Parties in this Affair.

However, I cannot excuse myself performing my Promise in the Calculations, I have made on the State of Parties in *Scotland*; I have all along endeavour'd to mis-deceive the World in their Notions of the general Aversions in *Scotland* against the Treaty.

I know, it has been industriously spread about in *England*, that Addresses have been crouded up from all Parts of the Kingdom against it——And multiplied in the Carriage, by that time it comes to *London*. We are made to believe, 'tis an universal Cry of the whole Nation against the Union; that all *Whig* and *Tory*, *Presbyterian* or *Prelatist*, *Cameronian* and *Roman* join in this, that they are against the Coalition.

I know also, what Use is made of this in *England*; How it is carry'd there as an Argument to urge Jealousies of *Scotland*, and to move the Minds of the *English* to equal Aversions; that we should be as backward to unite with them, as they with us, and the like,

But after all has been said, what if the Fact should not be true, and what if upon a Scrutiny it should appear, that really all this Addressing has been meer Glamour, a *Phosphorus* of artificial Fire, an *Invention* purely to amuse the *English* Nation, disoblige them, and give them Ideas in Prejudice both of the Kirk and Nation of *Scotland*, and that really the Addresses have been made

by but a small Part of the Nation compared to the whole; that the few, that have address'd, have been screw'd up to that Height by the Artifice and Project of a Party, of whom the Dialogue in the *Miscellanea* of these Papers will give a true Delineation.

Now to make this clear, I desire the impartial Part of the World to follow me thro' the Particulars here under-written, and they will soon be convinc'd, that the World has been impos'd upon in the grossest Manner.

1. 'Tis observ'd, that of 34 Shires of *Scotland*, only 13 have address'd, and of all these, the better and more substantial Part of the Gentlemen have not join'd, and the Addresses with the Subscriptions being examin'd, that Case will be sufficiently exposed.

2. That of 66 Burroughs in *Scotland*, only 17 have address'd, and those not against the Union, but only for Rectification of the Articles; and if these Subscriptions were seen and consider'd, several Objections might be made about them as to Persons, worth the publick View; of which hereafter.

3. That of 60 *Presbyteries* in *Scotland*, only 3 have address'd, and what Influence they are under is evident as the Sun.

4. That of 938 Kirks and Parishes in *Scotland*, only 57 have address'd, but if the 3 other Parishes of *Glencairns* be added, then there will be 60 Parish Addresses; and where these Parishes lie, and what Influence they are under, would be worth considering.

5. As to the Address of the Convention of Burroughs, I refer to the former Observations on that Address, *Review* N°. 141

6. As for the Addresses of the Commission of the Kirk, they are all for Security of the Church Government upon an Union, but none of them against an incorporating Union.

7. As to Mr. *Hepburns* Address, it is against all Union whatever, except in a way impossible, just such another as he would have with the Church of *Scotland*; from which he is judg'd to be sinfully and scandalously divided.

I think, I need add but little to these Observations, only to give the Reader my Word



Word to their Truth, and assure him, they are exactly calculated out of the Parliament Books, where all the Addresses are entred; which Addresses being plac'd against the several Rolls of Shires, Parishes, Presbyteries and Burghs in Scotland, produce the

several Heads here set down, and the World is left to judge of the Case, how the general Appearance of the People has been against the Union, and how England has been impos'd upon in this Case.

## MISCELLANEA.

IN my last, I brought the *Scotch Dialogue* to a little further Head in the Matter of the Union—The *Presbyterian* begins to smell a-Rat, as the *English* call it—And tho' he is against the Union, Tooth and Nail, it appears, he is not against it for Want of Religion, or rather by having too much, or to express it more proper, too much Zeal and Nicety in his Head, about his Fears of the Bishops, &c.

On this Account, he is just apt enough to fall in with any body, that joins with his Opinion against the Terms; but 'tis plain, he is not against the Union, as *such*, he is not against an Union, but he is against the Union.

But when the *Trojan Horse* comes to be penetrated, when the Fox throws off the Lamb's Skin, the honest Man sees the Delusion, and the Consequence is natural, as you will see by the rest of their Discourse.

*Fac.* You are so jealous of your Friends, Neighbour, there's no talking with you; I don't see a Necessity for all these Frights and Fears you are in, upon my last Discourse with you.

*Pres.* No need of Fears! when you talk of *French Popery* and *French Union*! I think, there's need enough to be afraid!

*Fac.* Why, cannot you be assisted by *Papists* in Matters of Right and Liberty, but you must needs be impos'd upon by them in Matters of Religion? Do not the *Hungarian* Protestants accept of the Assistance of *France* on one Hand, and banish the *Jesuits* on the other; nay, do they not treat with the *Turk*, and yet they are not afraid of turning *Mahometans*.

*Pres.* I have a great many Objections against your Example, and some such, as you will not care for answering. As,

1. Tho' the *Hungarian* Protestants have indeed taken up Arms for their Liberties, and Religion, yet the general Body of the Malecontents are *Papists*, *Ragotski* is a *Papist*, *Budiani Caroli Esterhazy*, and all their Leaders are *Papists*, 'tis Liberty of all Sorts they are for—And here our Case differs, for we are not afraid the *English* will attack our Liberties; they are a Nation enjoy the greatest Liberty in the World, and preserve it with the greatest Care—But 'tis our Church, the Security of our Consciences, that we seek, and how should *Popery*, much less *French Popery*, establish these for us.

2. Every Nation that banishes the *Jesuits*, are not qualified to espouse the Cause of a Protestant Nation, much less a Nation that has shown their Zeal for the Protestant Religion abroad, by as far as in them lies destroying it at home.

3. The *French* have only assisted the *Hungarians*, as their Insurrection has been a Diversion to the Emperor and his Allies, and so far is his Assistance to be rely'd on; that it is apparent, he would abandon them at any time to obtain from the Allies good Conditions of Peace for himself; and so in our Case, if we embark with him, he will abandon us, whenever his own Affairs require it.

4. All the Assurances, *France* will give to us, will issue in imposing on us a *Papist* Prince, whose Title he protects against our Protestant QUEEN; he has no such Circumstance attending his aiding the Protestants in *Hungary*.

*Fac.* You are so full of *Popery*, *Popery*, why Prelacy is as bad to you as *Popery*, as fatal to your Church, as destructive to your Liberty, and what you have equal Aversion to.